



## Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

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Dear Office of Child Care Director,

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma plans to use the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds in the following way:

### **Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)**

- Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services, which may include child care subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.

The Miami Tribe plans to provide direct child care services to those deemed essential workers. Essential workers will include frontline workers such as health care sector employees, emergency responders, food service workers/suppliers and sanitation workers. These families will be classified under protective services and service will be provided without regard to family income. Applicants will complete an Essential Worker Declaration which would include federal essential worker classifications. Information about the availability of child care service for essential workers will be shared throughout the service area. Further guidance is needed from our Federal partners to finalize plans.

### **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices**

- Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.

The Miami Tribe plans to support child care providers by providing resources, supplies and technical assistance grants to implement health and safety practices as indicated by state & local health departments and the CDC. Providers may apply for cleaning & sanitation grants, PPE, and other grants as needed to meet specific health and safety guidelines. Further guidance is needed from our Federal partners to finalize plans.

### **Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers**



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- Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.

The Miami Tribe plans to provide stabilization grants and assistance to providers that demonstrate an increase in operating expense and/or decrease in income because of the Covid-19 public health emergency. Further guidance is needed from our Federal partners to finalize plans.

### **Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

- As **required** in CRRSA, describe how the lead agency plans to use a portion of funds to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible childcare providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

As required, the Miami Tribe will provide a portion of the CRRSA funds will be appropriated to child care providers who, prior to Covid-19, were eligible but were not receiving CCDF subsidy. These funds may be given as health and safety grants or stabilization grants. Further guidance is needed from our Federal partners to finalize plans.

### **Other**

- Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA childcare funds for any other childcare activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.

The Miami Tribe plans to use a portion of CRRSA child care funds to implement natural outdoor learning environments and outdoor classrooms. The Miami Tribe will also use CRRSA Funds to support the recruitment, education, and educational stipends to increase the availability of qualified childcare staff. The Miami Tribe may use CRRSA funds to upgrade technology for the CCDF administration and for providers. Further guidance is needed from our Federal partners to finalize plans.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_

/s/

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